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- 1. THE CONSUL IN SONGKHLA HAS UPDATED THE REPORTS IN REFTELS. THERE WERE 29 RATHER THAN 28 REFUGEES WHO LEFT FOR AUSTRALIA MARCH 9 (REF A). THE NAME OF THE ADDITIONAL REFUGEE IS TRUONG VAN HAI, A 17 YEAR OLD MALE.
- 2. THE TWO BOATS THAT LEFT SONGKHLA FOR AUSTRALIA MARCH 12 (REF B) COLLECTIVELY HELD 55 REFUGEES RATHER THAN THE 51 REPORTED. NAMES, AGES, AND SEX OF THE FOUR ADDITIONAL REFUGEES FOLLOW:

HUYNH XUAN SON 22 M HUYNH THI MINH CHAU 19 F NGUYEN THANH LONG 19 M LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TRINH BAN SANG 19 M

3. THE SONGKHLA CAMP COMMANDANT SAYS THAT ABOUT 75 MORE REFUGEES, MOSTLY YOUNG MEN, WISH TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF TWO BOATS THAT THE SONGKHLA DISTRICT CHIEF IS WILLING TO MAKE AVAILABLE TO THEM FOR A TRIP TO AUSTRALIA. THE CONSUL HAS MET WITH THE CAMP LEADERSHIP IN AN EFFORT TO DISCOURAGE FURTHER DEPARTURES.

4. THE UNHCR REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE IS DESPATCHING HIS ASSISTANT LEGAL OFFICER TO SONGKHLA MARCH 15. THE OFFICER'S MISSION IS TO MEET WITH PROVINCIAL OFFICIALS, AND DISCOURAGE THEM FROM SUPPORTING FURTHER DEPARTURES FOR AUSTRALIA. WHITEHOUSE

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